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COMMITTEE

REF: A.STATE 163939, B. KABUL 4804, C. GENEVA 5229

1. MISSION OFFICER HAS DISCUSSED WITH UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEBEUS CONTENTS OF REF B AND HAS URGED THAT UNFDAC MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET DEMETRE TO KABUL FOR SUBJECT MEETING PER REF A.

2. DEBEUS HAS TWO MISGIVINGS ABOUT ATTENDANCE OF DEMETRE AT MEETING. THE FIRST IS THAT, IF DEMETRE WERE TO BE IDENTIFIED AS THE UNFDAC REPRESENTATIVE WHO CAME FROM GENEVA TO ATTEND MEETING, IT IS LIKELY HE WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO INTENSE PRESSURES FROM AFGHANS CONCERNING WHAT THEY THINK UNFDAC SHOULD BE DOING, WHICH PRESSURES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEBEUS WANTS NO ONE TO HANDLE BUT TOP FUND OFFICIALS OR UNDP RES REP. BELIEVING THAT HIS OWN STATEMENTS HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN MISREPRESENTED BY AFGHANS, MR DEBEUS

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IS VERY SENSITIVE ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. THIS PROBLEM COULD BE EVADED BY HAVING UNDP RESREP REPRESENT THE FUND AND BY HAVING DEMETRE ACCOMPANY HIM AS THE UNFDAC PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER WHO WAS IN TOWN AT THE TIME. MISSION BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE REASONABLE APPROACH TO ALLAY UNFDAC'S FIRST CONCERN.

4. THE SECOND IS MORE COMPLEX. ACCORDING TO REF B AND BORTHWICK REPORT TO UNFCAD, MAROOFI MAINTAINS THAT DEMETRE'S MANDATE WAS LIMITED TO BAKSHAN AND THAT WORK IN OTHER PROVINCES IS OFF-LIMITS. THIS IS CONTRARY TO UNFDAC'S UNDERSTANDING; UNFDAC PERCEIVES MOST BENEFIT FROM DEMETRE'S EFFORTS AS DERIVING FROM WORK IN NANGARHAR AND KUNAR PROVINCES. MR. DEBEUS BELIEVES THAT THIS PROBLEM OF PARAMETERS FOR DEMETRE SHOULD BE SETTLED BETWEEN GOA AND UNFDAC THROUGH AUSPICES OF RESREP BORTHWICK BEFORE RPT BEFORE DEMETRE PROCEEDS TO AFGHANISTAN. HE IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT SENDING DEMETRE TO KABUL WHILE THIS QUESTION IS PENDING WOULD WEAKEN UNFDAC'S LEVERAGE IN ACHIEVING ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM AND COULD RESULT IN PERMANENTLY WEAKENING DEMETRE MANDATE. DEBEUS SAID HE CABLED UNDP RESREP SECOND TIME ON THIS SUBJECT JULY 14, STATING THAT HE WOULD LIKE DEMETRE TO CONCENTRATE ON "POSSIBLE PROJECTS IN NANGARHAR AND KUNAR WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCING OPIUM PRODUCTION FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMING THIS AGREEABLE TO GOVERNMENT BEFORE DEMETRE DEPARTURE".

5. FYI: DEBEUS UNDERSTANDS THAT DUTCH GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING A \$1 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP FOR FOLLOW-UP TO FINN CONSULT REPORT. HIS CABLE TO BORTHWICK ALSO INCLUDED STATEMENT "THE FOLLOW-UP OF FINN

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CONSULT REPORT FOR BAKSHAN IS SOMETHING IN WHICH DEMETRE WILL NOT BE INVOLVED. TRUST THAT NETHERLANDS EARMARKING \$1 MILLION FOR BAKSHAN THROUGH MULTI-BI-FUNDING WITH UNDP AND OTHER AGENCIES WILL HELP MEET AFGHAN CONCERN". END FYI

6. MISSION BELIEVES THAT GOA APPROVAL OF DEMETRE'S WORKING ON PROJECTS IN NANGARHAR AND KUNAR PROVINCES IS ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS OF HIS MISSION. MISSION WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE EMBASSY KABUL CAN PROVIDE TO UNDP RESREP IN GAINING EXPEDITIOUS GOA APPROVAL FOR EXPANSION DEMETRE'S AREA OF OPERATIONS.

7. MISSION WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CLARIFICATION OF DEMETRE'S DIPLOMATIC STATUS REQUESTED REF C PREPARATORY TO HIS DEPARTURE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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